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Hello again everyone! I am sure that, like me, you all suffer a little bit from the winter rain and colder temperatures after that glorious summer and lovely autumn. But I'm afraid that can't be changed, and now we have to look forward to whatever this season brings us. Winter means more time again to read a good book. Maybe even in front of the fire place, with our little furry family members curled up on our lap, as they spend more time inside now, too. Whatever you are going to do, enjoy. Cataway will be warm and cosy with the wood fire constantly burning to make the stay for our feline guests as pleasant as possible. See you soon.

Sabine 

### Cat records according to Guinness World Records

- ✚ The oldest cat ever is Creme Puff who was born on August 3, 1967 and turned 37 in 2004. Creme Puff lived with her owner, Jake Perry in Austin, Texas, USA.
- ✚ The world record for the cat with most toes belongs to Jake who has 28 toes, with 7 on each paw. (Cats with more than 5 toes on a paw is called polydactyl cats)
- ✚ The longest whisker on a cat measured 17.4 cm (6.8 in) on July 30, 2004 and belong to Mingo, a Maine coon (also the biggest breed of domesticated cats), who lives with her owner, Marina Merne in Turku, Finland.

## Moggy's Gourmet Kitchen

### Fabulous Fish Balls

#### Ingredients:

- 3 baby carrots, cooked until soft
- 16 oz canned tuna in olive oil, drained
- 2 oz cooked herring, skin removed
- 2 tbs whole grain bread crumbs or oatmeal
- 2-3 tbs grated cheese
- 2 tsp brewer's yeast
- Several pinches of chopped catnip
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tbs tomato paste (not ketchup)



#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 190°C. Mash the carrots with the fish, bread crumbs or oatmeal, cheese, brewer's yeast, catnip, egg and tomato paste to an even paste. Mold into small balls and put on a greased baking tray. Bake for 15-20 minutes, checking frequently: the fish balls should be golden brown and feel firm. Cool thoroughly.

We hope your cats enjoy this yummy **cat food recipe**

# What Cat Breed is Right for Me?

## The Siamese Cat



### **Siamese Cat Appearance**

The Siamese Cat is easily recognizable by its distinctive colouring and almond shape brilliant blue eyes. They are a very sleek cat with coloured points on their ears, face, tail and feet. The Siamese Cat is a small to medium sized slender and elegant cat with a long body, neck and tail with a long wedge shaped head

The breed standard of the Modern Siamese Cat indicates an elegant, slim, stylish, flexible and well muscled body. Its head is triangular shaped, with a thin snout. The eyes are almond-shaped and oblique, the ears large and thin. It has a long neck, body and tail. The hair is short, glossy, fine, soft, tight and adhered to the body. The Siamese is characterized by its typical pointed colour scheme.

### **Siamese Point Colors**

The point colours are the colour of the face, ears, tail and feet. Siamese point colours can be Seal, Chocolate, Blue, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn, Red, Cream, Apricot or Caramel. The points can also be Tortie (Tortoiseshell) and Tabby (or Lynx)

### **Siamese Personality**



Siamese cats are a very intelligent, lively, entertaining cat. They can be very demanding and become totally involved in their owner's life. Siamese do not like to be ignored and always have to be the centre of attention. They usually regard themselves as people rather than cats. You will never be bored if you own a Siamese cat.

Siamese cats have a strong personality and are usually very talkative, often with a loud voice. The Siamese voice is quite legendary and they use it well to communicate with humans. Their meow has been compared to the cries of a human baby. They enjoy being with people and have a great need for human companionship. Siamese cats are sometimes described as extroverts. Often they bond strongly to a single person.

Siamese cats are extremely affectionate and make a wonderful, entertaining and totally dominating pet. They are very loyal and loving. These cats are typically active and playful, even as adults.

They are high energy cats who are always on the go. Whatever activity you are engaged in you can be sure that your Siamese cat will be always there helping you out.

### **Life Span of the Siamese Cat**

The Siamese Cat will usually live up to 13 or 14 years of age, but it is not unknown for Siamese cats to reach the grand old age of 20. Kidney disease, otherwise known as Chronic Renal Failure is a common cause of death in elderly Siamese cats.



# Moggy's Health Tips

## Cats with Tooth Decay

Cats do get bad teeth but they are not usually the same as cavities in humans. The most common dental problem found in cats is a condition called Feline odontoclastic resorptive lesions (FORL)

Sometimes the FORLs are obvious but sometimes they are only evident from x-ray images. Decay is usually below the gum line.

FORLs are classified from 1 to 5 depending on the severity.

It is believed that up to two thirds of all cats over the age of five will suffer from FORLs at some stage.

## What are the symptoms of bad teeth in cats?

- ❖ FORLs can cause a great deal of pain. The pain may be so intense that even under general anesthetic the cat may twitch when the tooth is probed.
- ❖ The first symptom you may notice may be the cat's reluctance to eat. Any pressure on the tooth is extremely painful. The cat may be very hungry and will attempt to eat but drops the food when he gets it in his mouth.
- ❖ A cat may reach a point where he no longer attempts to eat and he becomes thin and loses condition. He may also refuse to drink and become dehydrated.
- ❖ The cat may drool excessively.
- ❖ You may notice bleeding from your cat's mouth.
- ❖ Bad Breath is another indication.
- ❖ The cat flinches or cries out in pain when you touch him in the mouth region.
- ❖ He may paw at the mouth.
- ❖ On examination of your cat's teeth you may notice a red line or redness and swelling at the point where the tooth meets the gum.

## What is the Treatment for Toothache in cats?

Usually extraction of the diseased tooth or teeth instantly restores your cat to his former self. Once the tooth is removed he is free of pain and can continue a normal life. Even if a cat has all of his teeth extracted he soon adapts and can still eat most foods including dry food.

## Basic Nutrition for Cats



Cats are what are known as obligate carnivores. An obligate carnivore is one that must eat meat. You cannot just turn her out to graze in a pasture. The digestive tract of cats has been shortened and optimized proteins from meat. They simply don't have the dental or digestive apparatus to process plant materials.

It's therefore surprising, given their physical inability to process plants, that you will still find cats nibbling on plants from time to time. There are many theories for why cats would nibble plants. They may be trying to balance an upset digestion or add missing vitamins and minerals. Perhaps they simply like the taste. Maybe it's a combination of factors. The jury is still out on this matter.

Fortunately these days, we don't have to go out and hunt for food to feed our cats. There are a large number of very good, Nutritionally balanced foods available in pet stores to satisfy any cats' tastes. Try to feed good quality food. It really does make a difference in the health and appearance of your pet. Pick one that your cat likes and stick with it. Cats don't actually need a lot of variety. Changing their food constantly tends to just make them picky eaters.

Nutritional requirements for your pet will vary by age and size. What she needs as a kitten will be very different than what she will need as an adult. Be sure to follow the instructions on the bag to avoid feeding too much or too little. The average adult cat will need about one cup of food a day. Cats appreciate consistency in their feeding schedules. Try to feed them at the same time each day. Also, try to keep their bowls out of high traffic areas. It's hard to eat your dinner when people are stepping on you!

Try not to feed your cat people food. Some things, such as chocolate and raw liver, are actually toxic to cats. Others cause digestive upset. Remove the bones from any cooked meat you might want to give to your cat. Poultry and pork bones in particular are given to splintering and can injure your cat.

When you need to switch from one type of food to the other, do so in a gradual process. Shifting gradually from one to the other over the course of a week will help prevent digestive upsets. You may need to switch foods because your store may stop carrying the brand you like or perhaps your kitten has grown old enough to graduate to adult food. Do the changeover slowly and your cat will thank you for it.



Feeding treats is something for you to decide if you want to do it. Some people are dead set against them. Others lavish treats on their pets at every opportunity. There are many good cat treats on the market today. Read their directions carefully. You don't want to overindulge your cat and turn her into a furry beach ball with legs. The only other thing that a cat requires is water. Do your best to keep a nice fresh supply of water available for your pet. With a little thought and planning you can keep your pet healthy and happy for a long time to come.



"In retrospect, I could have done more with my lives."

# Cataway Specials

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\$8.90 each



Microwave Heat Pad with Cover, no Wires

Provides up to 10 Hours Warmth for your Pet

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Cat Food Bowls (last 3)

\$46.95

# The last word from " - The ONLINE VET"



## The worlds best cat toy... A cardboard box!

The day you bring a new cat in to you house is very exciting for all. Especially for the cat, as it will spend hours investigating it's new surroundings. However, before the cat arrived at your house, you probably brought all the equipment you thought you would need, a cat bed, scratching post, bowls, food, litter tray and toys.

In general most cat toys you can purchase are simply not worth the money. You may spend quite a bit trying to keep your new cat entertained; normally however, the interest of the toy will fade within a few weeks. If your cat does enjoy playing with toys, avoid buying ones that are noisy, these often scare cats, and the last thing you want to be doing is hunting for your new cat when its gone in to hiding because it was scared by a cat toy. Cats do like toys on strings, if you are making your own, a leaf or feather on a shoe lace offers as much enjoyment for your cat as it does for most children.



Have you ever seen how much joy a young child gets out of a cardboard box? Cats are just the same. All cats have a very inquisitive nature, they like to explore and play. If you have an empty cardboard box in the middle of your room, watch and see what your cat does. You will find the cat will approach it from a distance, and walk around it a few times, then give it a sniff, just to make sure it isn't alive or going to hurt it. Some cats may ignore the box when you are there and then when you return you will find them happily exploring the insider. However, most cats will jump in with no second thoughts find it quite fascinating.

After a while the box can get a little boring for your cat, what can do to make the box an interesting toy that will keep your cat entertained for months, is to seal the box up completely, then cut two large holes (big enough for the cat to fit through), put them at different ends of the box and at different heights, and then poke some small holes with a pencil, so the cat can see out and make some slightly larger holes that are just about cat paw sized. All you have to do is watch at your cat's fascination with the new and improved box.

If you want to interact with your cat, an ideal thing to do is simply lightly tap the sides of the box, your cat will not be able to see where the noise is coming from, but it will attempt to attack your hand by putting its paws through the holes you made.

This is such a simple toy for a cat, it needn't cost you any money, and it will keep even the most reluctant adult cat amused for hours.